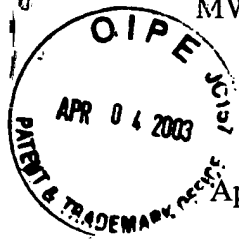


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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the Office Action was originally due December 30, 2002. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the September 30, 2002 Office Action. With a three-month extension of time, this response is being timely filed.

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